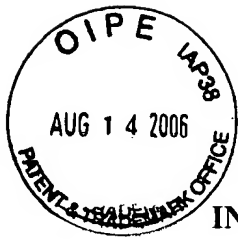


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(as amended)

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**LETTER RESPONDING TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached is a corrected Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action which includes all of the patent claims correctly number in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 3, 2006 which indicated that the claim numbering of the Amendment original filed on July 20, 2006 had a claim numbering error. Since this Letter and Amendment are being submitted within one month of the Notice no fees are required.

If the examiner has any questions please contact Applicant's representative Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: August 14, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Corrected Amendment

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**CORRECTED AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.